

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

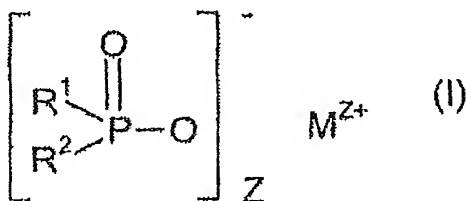
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 - 14 (Canceled)

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): A composition based on a thermoplastic matrix comprising a polyamide and a flame-retardant system, the flame-retardant system comprising at least:

one compound (F1) of formula (I):



in which:

R¹ and R² are identical or different and represent a linear or branched alkyl chain comprising from 1 to 6 carbon atoms and/or an aryl radical; M represents a calcium, magnesium, aluminum or zinc ion; Z represents 2 or 3;

one compound (F2) which is a reaction product between phosphoric acid and melamine and/or a reaction product between phosphoric acid and a melamine condensation derivative; and

one compound (F3) which is a melamine condensation derivative;

said composition comprising at least 13% by weight of compounds F1 and F2, with respect to the total weight of the composition,

wherein the composition comprises from 14% to 35% by weight of the compounds F1, F2 and F3; from 5 to 15% by weight of compound F1; from 2 to 10% by weight of compound F2; from 1 to 10% by weight of compound F3, with respect to the total weight of the composition.

Claims 16 - 19 (Canceled)

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The composition as claimed in claim 15, wherein the phosphinic acid of the compound F1 is dimethylphosphinic acid, ethylmethylphosphinic acid, diethylphosphinic acid, or methyl(n-propyl)phosphinic acid.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The composition as claimed in claim 15, wherein the compound F2 is melamine polyphosphate, melam polyphosphate, or melem polyphosphate.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): The composition as claimed in claim 15, wherein the compound F3 is melam, melem, or melon.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): The composition as claimed in claim 15, wherein the thermoplastic matrix further comprises ~~is (co)~~polyamide; mono- or diolefin (co)polymer, polyurethanes, polymers comprising halogens, polymers derived from α,β -unsaturated acids, unsaturated polymers, vinyl polymers and their copolymers, polyacetals, poly(phenylene ether)s, poly(phenylene sulfide)s,

polyureas, polyketones, polyimides, polyesters, polycarbonates, polyester carbonates, polysulfones, or polyether sulfones.

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): The composition as claimed in claim 23, wherein the thermoplastic matrix further comprises ~~[[is]]~~ polypropylene, polyisobutylene, polybutylene, polybutadiene, polyethylene; polystyrene, poly(p-methylstyrene), poly(α -methylstyrene); styrene/butadiene, styrene/acrylonitrile, styrene/maleic anhydride, polychloropropene, polyacrylate, polymethacrylate, polyacrylonitrile, polyacrylamide, poly(vinyl alcohol), poly(vinyl acetate), poly(vinyl chloride); polyoxymethylene, poly(phenylene oxide)s, poly(ethylene terephthalate), or poly(butylene terephthalate).

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): The composition as claimed in claim 35, ~~[[23,]]~~ wherein the (co)polyamide matrix comprises (co)polyamide 6; 4; 11; 12, 4.6; 6.6; 6.9; 6.10; 6.12; 6.18; 6.36; 6(T); 9(T); 6(I); or MXD6.

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): The composition as claimed in claim 15, further comprising reinforcing fillers which are glass fibers, carbon fibers, inorganic fibers, ceramic fibers, heat-resistant organic fibers, inorganic fillers, or inorganic nanofiller.

Claim 27 (Previously Presented): The composition as claimed in claim 26, wherein the reinforcing fillers are wollastonite, kaolin, clay, silica, mica, montmorillonite or α -Zr phosphate fibers.

Claim 28 (Previously Presented): The composition as claimed in claim 15, further comprising flame-retardant agents or agents which are synergistic with the flame-retardant system.

Claim 29 (Previously Presented): The composition as claimed in claim 28, wherein the flame-retardant agents or agents which are synergistic with the flame-retardant system are ceramic powder, magnesium hydroxide, hydrotalcites, magnesium carbonates, alkaline earth metal carbonates, zinc oxide, zinc stannate, zinc hydroxystannate, zinc phosphate, zinc borate, zinc sulfide, aluminum hydroxide, aluminum phosphate, red phosphorus, melamine, or melamine cyanurate.

Claim 30 (Previously Presented): A process for the manufacture of a composition as defined in claim 15, comprising the step of blending the thermoplastic matrix with the flame-retardant system comprising at least the compounds F1, F2 and F3.

Claim 31 (Previously Presented): An article of manufacture comprising a composition as defined in claim 15.

Claim 32 (Previously Presented): The composition as claimed in claim 15, wherein the composition comprises at least 15% by weight of compounds F1 and F2, with respect to the total weight of the composition.

Claim 33 (New): The composition as claimed in claim 15, wherein the composition comprises from 1 to 7% by weight of compound F3, with respect to the total weight of the composition.

Claim 34 (New): The composition as claimed in claim 15, wherein the composition comprises from 1 to 5% by weight of compound F3, with respect to the total weight of the composition.

Claim 35 (New): The composition as claimed in claim 15, wherein the polyamide is a (co)polyamide.